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NATURAL RESOURCES

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1. WITH REGARD TO QUESTION RAISED PARA 3 OF REFTTEL, IT IS  
OF COURSE ENTIRELY UP TO NETHERLANDS TO CHOOSE PERSON IT  
WANTS FOR ITS REPRESENTATIVE. HOWEVER, WE NOTE THAT  
PARA 3 OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE (UNEP/GC/74)  
RECOMMENDED THAT FOR THE SAKE OF CONTINUITY, SAME STATES  
SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE MEMBERS OF WORKING GROUP. PARA 5 OF  
UNEP DECISION 77 (IV) NOTES THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF  
WORKING GROUP WILL BE UNCHANGED. WHILE THESE DEAL WITH  
ISSUE OF WHICH STATES ARE MEMBERS OF WORKING GROUP, MOST  
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CONTINUITY WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE ACHIEVED IF NOT ONLY SAME

STATES WERE REPRESENTED, BUT SAME PERSONS REPRESENTED THOSE STATES. MOREOVER, WE NOTE THAT PROFESSOR RIPHAGEN IS A MAN OF EXPERIENCE AND ABILITY WHO WAS SELECTED TO CHAIR WORKING GROUP BECAUSE OF THESE QUALITIES AS WELL AS HIS INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION. HE CHAIRED LAST SESSION OF WORKING GROUP EFFECTIVELY. IF GON DECIDES TO SEND RIPHAGEN TO UP-COMING SESSION, U.S. WOULD SUPPORT HIS CONTINUING TO ACT AS CHAIRMAN.

2. WITH REGARD TO PARA 1 OF REFTTEL, WE PREFER TO WITHHOLD RESPONSE TO EXDIR'S LETTER UNTIL DATES OF MEETING SORTED OUT. PERM REP SHOULD INFORM SECRETARIAT THAT U.S., IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CONTINUITY IN ITS OWN PARTICIPATION, INTENDS TO DESIGNATE RONALD J. BETTAUER TO PARTICIPATE, BUT HE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IF UP-COMING SESSION OF WORKING GROUP OVERLAPS WITH AUGUST-SEPTEMBER SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE. KISSINGER

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